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# NORTH ADELAIDE CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Menzies Crescent, Prospect 508

## Committee Information

**Electrical Testing** - Our annual testing of our electrical appliances was carried out on the 6 February. Thank you to William for organising this and those members who supported him by chasing down all the appliances in the Club.

**Events Organiser** - This position is vacant and it was agreed at the last Committee Meeting that we should advertise this position again with a description of this position. The duties include:

- In consultation with the Club Captains and Vice Captains organise club croquet events.
- Arrange, prepare and devise paperwork for running of event.
- Organise and record information of participants, their achievements and awards.
- Report to the Committee through appropriate Club Captain.

If you are interested in applying for this position or would like any further details, please speak to one of the Club Captains.

**First Aid Kits** - Dan has updated the first aid kits. If you use something in the kit and it is the last item of that type, please leave a note for Dan in his pigeon hole, so he can replace it.

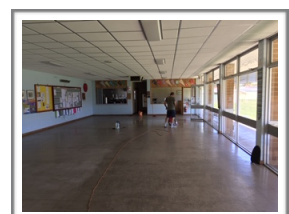
**Hot Weather Policy** - At the last Committee Meeting, held on the 4 February it was agreed that if the temperature is going to be 36 degrees or above at 4 pm the previous day, there will be no play. Please note, it is important to hydrate during warm/hot weather, so ensure you drink lots of water and rest if you are feeling faint. Keep an eye out for the members you are playing with and look after each others welfare. Here is an interesting article relating to *Sports Hot Weather Policy*, published by the SA Sports Medicine Association - <http://www.sasma.com.au/Portals/3/Hot%20Weather%20Policy.pdf?ver=2018-12-05-144022-007>. Ensure you wear a hat, sunscreen, sun protection clothing and hydrate, hydrate, hydrate!

**Club Website** - Alf has updated the Club's website, which can be found at <http://www.nacc-inc.club>. This site has a wealth of information on it, including photos of our events.

**New Member** - Welcome to Robin Golding who has now joined the Club as a Golf Croquet player. Robin's application was approved at the previous Committee Meeting. Sue presented Robin with her membership pack during morning tea on the 9 February and mentioned that she is making great progress with every session. We hope you enjoy your time at the Club.

## Notes from the Secretary

**Club Closure** - Over the Christmas/New Year break a number of projects were undertaken at the Club. These included top dressing the lawns; and stripping, cleaning and polishing the floors in the main clubhouse. Thank you to William for overseeing the lawns and to Dan for organising and cleaning the floors, with help from myself and Silvia. Both these projects took many hours of hard work but the end result was worth it. Thanks also to Andrew from Kennards Hire for his advice on the rotary floor polisher - another skill I can add to my resume.



## Notes from the AC Captain

Welcome back to a year of croquet. We have certainly been struck by hot weather and it seems to be on croquet days. The night doubles have begun and we have entered three teams: Open, Division 3 and a combined Division 4 with Salisbury. Saturday pennants is about to begin and once again we have a combined Division 2 and Division 4 team with Salisbury and a Division 3 team. The lawns are looking magnificent and are running true and fast. Thanks to William for all the time and effort you have put in over the holiday break.

## Notes from the GC Captain

Despite the extreme hot weather we have had very good attendances at both Tuesday and Saturday golf croquet sessions. There is a lot of enthusiasm and this is reflected in the numbers of competitive players who have nominated for the *Autumn Pennants*, which have begun. This includes:

- Wednesday night - the 6+ team plays, captained by Lynn Hughes.
- Thursday night - two 9+ teams play: the *North Adelaide Nines* team, captained by Gayle Searle; and the *North Adelaide Strikers* team, captained by myself.
- The Open team, captained by Kevin also plays on Thursday night.

The *Weekend Pennants* got off to a good start on Saturday, 19th January but unfortunately three games had to be cancelled at SACA on Saturday 3rd February due to the heat. They have been rescheduled for Saturday 31st March. We have had 13 entries for the *North Adelaide Handicap Singles*, which start on Friday 15th March. There are three remaining player vacancies.

We have also welcomed overseas visitors from the United Kingdom, Penny and Keith Mann have fitted in to our Tuesday and Saturday Golf Croquet sessions and everyone is enjoying their company. They come from Richmond which is just out of London.

## Notes from the Bar Member of the *Badger and Mallet (BaM)*

New arrivals:

- Unleash your hidden American with a refreshing glass of Jim Beam - neat \$5 or with mixer \$6.50.
- Like your red wine chilled, Done! We do not judge here at the BaM.
- Need something to tide you over, try our new hot American BBQ pork crackling for only \$1.50.
- Coopers Pale Ale in cans - heresy; work of the Devil; a blot on our society; doesn't taste anything like it! etc. Now available, a rather mixed bag of reviews (2 against 4 in the positive) - remember the best beer is free beer, the second best is cheap beer!

The BaM is looking for people who want adventure, excitement and wish to learn new life skills. If you think that this sounds too good to be true, speak to one of the BaM's dedicated staff (or failing to find one - Dan will do). Keep an eye on the black board for opening times.

*The Badger and Mallet, your club, your Bar.*

## Notes from the Groundsman

It has been a busy period for court care over the December/January period. In mid-December the lawns were scarified and cored, fertilised and dressed with a good sandy loam. During this period we took the opportunity (with the help of a few members) to remove some of the buried timber edging along the east and western borders of lawn four. As this was quite a laborious job, only half was removed. Extra watering was required during this period, including hand watering of court four where lawn had to be replanted. Special attention was given to the lawn beetle problem and extra spraying was undertaken to combat this. The lawns have been growing very well due to the hot weather and extra watering. William would like to thank everyone for their patience, also all those that helped with resetting and preparing the lawns for play in the new year, and those who helped out in the busy bee on the 4 February.

## It's all about the Game

**2019 GC State Squad** - congratulations Norma for inclusion in this team and good luck.

**North Adelaide GC Handicap Singles** - this event commences on the 15 March commencing at 10 am and players will play three games (at 10 am, 11 am & 12 noon). The event is limited to 16 players, so if you would like to participate speak to Sue or Kevin, the Event Managers.

**Welcome to our UK Visitors** - As Sue mentioned above, keep an eye out for Penny & Keith, who are visiting from the United Kingdom and will be playing GC until the 12 April. Welcome guys and we hope you enjoy the camaraderie of the members. Penny & Keith have already enjoyed a couple of our social events and we hope you will continue to participate during your stay in Australia.

**U3A Croquet Course** - The University of the Third Age has organised a *Come & Try Croquet Course*, which we will be running over four weeks. This course will commence on the 30 April, so keep your ear out for requests for help.

**New Rules for GC Information Session** - SACA held an information session on Friday, 14 December to explain the new rules which came into force in Australia on the 1 January 2019. A number of our members attended this information session - for more information speak to Sue or you can purchase a new rule book.

**Introduction to Croquet "Come & Try"** - This event is running continuously throughout the year. A sign is placed at the front of the Club inviting people to come in and have a go. If you know of anyone who might be interested, suggest they drop in and have a game or come along to a Sunday Session.

**North Adelaide GC Gala Day** - This event will be held on Friday, 12 April. Sue and Kevin are the Event Managers for this event and we are hoping to encourage members from other clubs to participate. If you are not participating, please put your name down to help out behind the scenes as we need helpers for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Sue is also asking for contributions of quiches or slices - if you can contribute, please speak to Sue.

**SACA Presentation Day 2018** - This event was held at Hutt Road on Saturday, 15 December where Norma, Lynn & Glenda were honoured. It's great to see our members smiling and looking so proud as they received their certificates. If you would like to view the photos of this event go to <https://www.croquetsa.com.au/gallery/presentation-day-2018/>.

**Parking at Hutt Road** - The Adelaide City Council has agreed that Croquet SA members when using Hutt Road car park should display their Croquet SA ID card on the dashboard if expecting to be parked for any length of time that will exceed the current parking restrictions. The current parking restrictions are Maximum 5 hours Monday - Friday from 8 am-6 pm. Parking inspectors have been provided with a copy of the card to know what to look for.

## Social Events in the Club

**Christmas Lunch** - Our lunch was held on Saturday, 8 December and members celebrated this event in style. As usual, it was catered by Annie's Kitchen, who put on a delicious spread. The day started off wet, which gave us the opportunity to set up the Clubrooms, so thank you to all those members who helped out - many hands make light work. We moved the tables down to the bar end, which is more enjoyable and allowed the members to work up an appetite walking down to pick up their meals. However, it also gets us away from the noisy end of the room, so the catering group can work without interfering with the festivities. Thank you to all those member who purchased raffle tickets, we had eight prizes up for grabs and those were spread across the group. Member enjoyed a free refreshment to start with and by the sound of the noise at that end of the Club, everyone was enjoying themselves. I must apologise for having to ring the bell so many times, and I'm not surprised that someone didn't take it away from me but it is hard to get everyones attention when they are having a good time. I know Alf took some photos, which are available on our website.

**SAHMRI Tour** - Our first members enrichment tour was held on Friday, 7 December and it was a very interesting outing. Thank you to the 24 members and friends who attended this tour, which started off with an introduction by our two tour guides (India and Robyn). The one hour tour involved a presentation and a tour through the building. Following the tour the majority of members retired to the SAHMRI Cafe, which is open to members of the public, for coffee and a bite to eat. If you didn't get an opportunity to visit this building this time, please do so if you get an opportunity. India advised that tours for 2019 will be held on Thursdays and the money raised goes towards research. During our visit there was a query from one of our members regarding the *SAHMRI Windows* - the building features more than 5,000 windows and now you have the chance to own a piece of the institute. A gift of \$100 buys you a virtual SAHMRI window for five years and a commemorative certificate, which you are able to dedicate to anyone. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the arrival of a new baby, honour the passing off a loved one, or to mark a special occasion, and finally support the research being undertaken at SAHMRI. To purchase a window go to [www.sahmriwindows.com](http://www.sahmriwindows.com) or contact 08 81284478.



**Happy Birthday Vivianne** - Vivianne celebrated her 92nd birthday recently and we wish her all the very best in the coming year. It was lovely to see her son come along and have a game or two on her birthday.

**Concerts in the Park Series** - During February the City of Prospect hosted four concerts in the park on Friday events from 6 pm. The Club opened for Swinging Singles from 3.30 pm and this was followed up with social croquet, where we enjoyed playing with the music in the background. The first two evenings members brought along something to share or wandered across to the park where they could purchase something to eat from the food trucks. The third evening was our normal Wine Down with 30+ members, Friends and guests enjoying a meal and each other's company. This was followed by more social croquet, with the weather just perfect. The last evening was our dumpling evening and once again members and guest moved onto the courts after the event to have a game or two. Thank you to Lynn and Kath for providing another tasty meal at Wine Down; and Dan for opening and running the bar on all four evenings.

**Dumpling Creations and Let Us Feast** - Firstly, let me thank Kelly & Barry for this wonderful idea. 30 members and friends participated in a dumpling master-class on Friday, 22 February. Kelly ran this event with the help of her friends, Kevin and his parents Ming & Ting (visitors from the Shaanxi Province, home of the Terracotta Warriors in China). After a short explanation of the history, Kelly & Ting (who spoke very little English) explained how to make a dumpling and then we all had a go. It was great to see everyone participating and their creations had a very individual look, or should I say flair to them. These were then steamed for our enjoyment, however in the interim, Kelly produced a selection of fried dumplings she produced earlier, along with a salad and spring rolls. The bar was open for a bevy or two and we finished off the meal with a wee slice of cheese cake - I don't think anyone went home hungry. However they did take home the recipe, so they make these at home. Once again, thanks to Kelly and her team for a great evening, it was a great fund-raiser for the club. Finally, thanks to all the members who participated and help clean up after the event. On a side note - Barry has introduced Ming & Ting to the art of croquet and it was wonderful to hear that they won a game the other night - well done! Hopefully they continue playing when they return to China, if they get the opportunity. Once again Barry, you are an ambassador to our game.





**Sponsors Challenge** - The Sponsorship Challenge was held on Friday, 18 January 2019 and included two teams:

1. *City of Prospect*, Captained by the Mayor, David O'Loughlin and included Deputy Mayor, Matt Larwood; Cr Alison De Backer; and Cr Kristina Barnett; and
2. *Member for Adelaide*, Captain by the Hon Rachael Sanderson and included Dinh Nguyen; Kate Barrett; and Aaron Matzkows.

This event was held during our first Wine Down for the year and supported by members, who mentored the teams or simply supported this event. Thank you to those members who brought a plate for supper, it was a wonderful turnout as usual and members should be proud of their contributions.

Our sponsors played two rounds of croquet with the City of Prospect taking out the event for 2019. Following the supper, members and the remaining guests ventured back onto the courts for a friendly game under our new lights. Once again we thank the South Australian Government and the City of Prospect for their support in upgrading our lights to new eco-efficient LED lights, they have made a big difference.



As this was a successful evening we are hoping to run this event each year.

**Wine Down** - The next Wine Down event for the year will be held on Friday, 15 March 2019. This is an excellent time to have a game of social croquet and enjoy a meal with members and friends. Please invite your guests and remember to put your name (and numbers attending) on the event sheet so you can be catered for.

**Sunday Sessions** - These afternoon sessions from 3 pm to 5pm on the 1st and 4th Sunday of the month, give members an opportunity to come along and enjoy a friendly game or two with members and friends. The *Badger & Mallet* is open with light bar snacks are served. It is also an opportunity for members of the Club to celebrate any events in a casual fun environment.

**Trading Table** - We are always looking for quality pre-loved clothing, books, jigsaw puzzles and household goods for the Trading Table. Items can be left in the named box near the table for Sue to price and display. All money raised goes towards keeping our great club operating well. If you have any queries, please speak to Sue.

**Social Lunch** - These social lunches are held on the first Tuesday of each month. The next lunch will be held on Tuesday, 5 March at 12 noon at a nearby hotel (determined the week prior to the lunch). Libby is the point of contact, so put your name on the list and enjoy the company of club members. If for any reason you cannot attend once you have indicated you will do so, please give Libby a ring so she can amend her numbers.

**Sausage Sizzle** - The next sausage sizzle will be held on Saturday, 30 March, so put your name on the list if you would like to attend.

## Websites of Interest

**NACC Website** - For the latest news go to <http://www.nacc-inc.club>.

**Croquet SA, Hoop Points Newsletter**, the latest version is January/February 2019 - <https://www.croquetsa.com.au/newsletters/>.

**The Senior Newspaper** - you can view this paper online at <https://www.thesenior.com.au> or subscribe to the latest news by clicking on links in the upper right of the page and enter your email address.

## Club Diary for 2019

The regular opening times for the Club include:

<b>Monday</b>	6.30 pm	AC Pennants (Spring & Autumn)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30 am - 12 noon	GC Play
<b>Wednesday</b>	6.30 pm	AC Pennants (Spring & Autumn)
	7.00 pm - 9.30 pm	GC Play
<b>Thursday</b>	10.00 am - 12.30 pm	AC Play
	6.30 pm	GC (Spring & Autumn Pennants)
<b>Friday</b>	3.30 pm - 5.30 pm	Swinging Singles
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30 am - 12 noon	GC Play
	1.00 pm - 4.00 pm	AC Play
<b>Sunday</b>	1st & 4th weeks	
	3.00 pm - 5.00 pm	Social Croquet

The following dates can be found on the Club's website or in the hardcopy diary in front of the office.

March	
15/03/19	North Adelaide Handicap GC Singles
April	
12/04/19	Gala Day GC
26/04/19	North Adelaide Handicap GC Singles
30/04/19	Come & Try - University of the 3rd Age
May	
02-03/05/19	North Adelaide Games GC - 6+
07/05/19	Come & Try - University of the 3rd Age
09-10/05/19	North Adelaide Games GC - Open
14/05/19	Come & Try - University of the 3rd Age
21/05/19	Come & Try - University of the 3rd Age
24/05/19	North Adelaide Handicap GC Singles
26/05/19	NorthWood Friendlies
30-31/05/19	North Adelaide Games GC - 9+
June	
18-20/06/19	Managing Events GC - Doubles Combined GC 8+
21/06/19	North Adelaide Handicap GC Singles
July	
09-11/07/19	Managing Events GC - Doubles Combined GC 5+
19/07/19	North Adelaide Handicap GC Singles
August	
16/08/19	North Adelaide Handicap GC Singles

September	
20/09/19	North Adelaide Handicap GC Singles
October	
November	
01-03/11/19	Managing Events GC - Spring Open Singles Women GC
01/11/19	North Adelaide Games AC
08/11/19	North Adelaide Games AC
15/11/19	North Adelaide Games AC
22/11/19	North Adelaide Games AC
23-24/11/19	North Adelaide Games AC - Invitation, Presentation & Dinner (24/11/19)
December	
TBA	Christmas Party

To view the SACA Calendar - go to <https://www.croquetsa.com.au/members/calendar/>.

## Newsletters

A reminder that this Newsletter is a collaborate effort from members of the club. If you have something to add, please email it to Tamara or place any articles for inclusion in her pigeon hole. If you have not received your newsletter electronically and you have an email address, please update your details or send your details to [tamara.rebbeck@bigpond.com](mailto:tamara.rebbeck@bigpond.com). A small number of copies will be printed off in hardcopy for those members who do not use computers or electronic devices. Note, a copy will also be uploaded to our web page.

## Sponsors

The North Adelaide Croquet Club is proudly sponsored by *Alfred James Funeral Homes*; *Harris Real Estate*; the *Member for Adelaide*; and the *City of Prospect Council*.

